



# Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976

## 1976 CHAPTER 38

### 6 Penalties.

- (1) Any person guilty of an offence under any provision of this Act shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding [<sup>F1</sup>level 5 on the standard scale].
  - (2) Where a person is convicted of any offence under this Act or of any offence under the [<sup>F2</sup>Protection of Animals Acts 1911 to 1964,]<sup>[F2]</sup> Protection of Animals Act 1911,] the Protection of Animals (Scotland) Acts 1912 to 1964, [<sup>F3</sup> the Performing Animals (Regulation) Act 1925,] the Pet Animals Act 1951, [<sup>F4</sup> the Animals (Cruel Poisons) Act 1962,] the <sup>M1</sup>Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963, the <sup>M2M3</sup>Riding Establishments Acts 1964 and 1970, [<sup>F5</sup>or the <sup>M4</sup>Breeding of Dogs Act 1973,]<sup>[F6]</sup> or of an offence under any of sections 4, 5, 6(1) and (2), 7 to 9 and 11 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006,] the court by which he is convicted may cancel any licence held by him under this Act, and may, whether or not he is the holder of such a licence, disqualify him from keeping any dangerous wild animal for such period as the court thinks fit.
  - (3) A court which has ordered the cancellation of a person's licence, or his disqualification, in pursuance of the last foregoing subsection may, if it thinks fit, suspend the operation of the order pending an appeal.
- [<sup>F7</sup>(3A) Where a person is convicted of any offence under sections 28C or 28F(16) of the Animal Health Act 1981 (c. 22), <sup>F8</sup>... sections 19 to 24, 25(7), 29 or 40(11) of the [Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(asp 11\)](#)<sup>[F9]</sup> or regulation 23 of the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Regulations 2021], subsections (2) and (3) apply as they do to convictions under this Act.]
- [<sup>F10</sup>(3B) Where a person is convicted of an offence under section 13(6) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 arising from the contravention of section 13(1) of that Act in relation to dog breeding in Wales, or of an offence under the Animal Welfare (Breeding of Dogs) (Wales) Regulations 2014, subsections (2) and (3) apply as they do to convictions under this Act.]
- [<sup>F11</sup>(3C) Where a person is convicted of an offence under section 13(6) of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 arising from the contravention of section 13(1) of that Act in relation to the carrying on of an activity in England, or of an offence under the Animal Welfare

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(Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018, subsections (2) and (3) apply as they do to convictions under this Act.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words substituted by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), **ss. 38, 46** and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), **s. 289F, 289G**
- F2** Words in s. 6(2) substituted (E.W.) (27.3.2007 for W., 6.4.2007 for E.) by [Animal Welfare Act 2006 \(c. 45\)](#), s. 68(3), **Sch. 3 para. 9(a)** (with ss. 1(2), 58(1), 59, 60); S.I. 2007/499, art. 2(2)(l); S.I. 2007/1030, art. 2(1)(l)
- F3** Words in s. 6(2) inserted (E.W.) (27.3.2007 for W., 6.4.2007 for E.) by [Animal Welfare Act 2006 \(c. 45\)](#), s. 68(3), **Sch. 3 para. 9(b)** (with ss. 1(2), 58(1), 59, 60); S.I. 2007/499, art. 2(2)(l); S.I. 2007/1030, art. 2(1)(l)
- F4** Words in s. 6(2) inserted (E.W.) (27.3.2007 for W., 6.4.2007 for E.) by [Animal Welfare Act 2006 \(c. 45\)](#), s. 68(3), **Sch. 3 para. 9(c)** (with ss. 1(2), 58(1), 59, 60); S.I. 2007/499, art. 2(2)(l); S.I. 2007/1030, art. 2(1)(l)
- F5** Words in s. 6(2) omitted (E.W.) (1.10.2018) by virtue of [The Animal Welfare \(Licensing of Activities Involving Animals\) \(England\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/486\)](#), reg. 1(1)(b), **Sch. 9 para. 7(3)(a)** (with reg. 27)
- F6** Words in s. 6(2) inserted (E.W.) (27.3.2007 for W., 6.4.2007 for E.) by [Animal Welfare Act 2006 \(c. 45\)](#), s. 68(3), **Sch. 3 para. 9(d)** (with ss. 1(2), 58(1), 59, 60); S.I. 2007/499, art. 2(2)(l); S.I. 2007/1030, art. 2(1)(l)
- F7** S. 6(3A) inserted (S.) (3.11.2006) by [The Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2006 \(S.S.I. 2006/536\)](#), art. 1, **Sch. 1 para. 8**
- F8** Word in s. 6(3A) omitted (S.) (8.6.2022) by virtue of [The Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2022 \(S.S.I. 2022/195\)](#), art. 1(2), **sch. 1 para. 3(3)(a)**
- F9** Words in s. 6(3A) inserted (S.) (8.6.2022) by [The Animal Health and Welfare \(Scotland\) Act 2006 \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2022 \(S.S.I. 2022/195\)](#), art. 1(2), **sch. 1 para. 3(3)(b)**
- F10** S. 6(3B) inserted (W.) (30.4.2015) by [The Animal Welfare \(Breeding of Dogs\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2014 \(No. 3266\)](#), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 4**
- F11** S. 6(3C) inserted (E.W.) (1.10.2018) by [The Animal Welfare \(Licensing of Activities Involving Animals\) \(England\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/486\)](#), reg. 1(1)(b), **Sch. 9 para. 7(3)(b)** (with reg. 27)

#### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1963 c. 43.  
**M2** 1964 c. 70.  
**M3** 1970 c. 32.  
**M4** 1973 c. 60.

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